

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending. Claims 1, 3, and 12 have been amended. Claims 13-22 are newly presented. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In the Specification

The specification was objected to for containing informalities. Applicants have amended the specification as suggested by the Examiner to correct the informalities. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this objection is moot.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions to correct the informalities in the claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter and New Claims

Claims 13-22 are newly presented, fully supported by the originally filed specification, and believed allowable over the prior art of record.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1-12 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection above. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims (claims 1-22) are allowable.

Conclusion

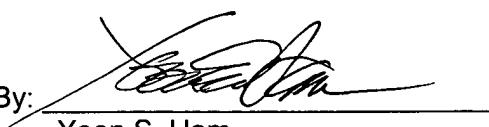
Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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